

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A container for holding a product, the container comprising:

a retaining body and side product retaining means and at least one outlet opening through which the product comes out; the container body having a tubular shape with a polygonal base, a front wall, a rear wall and at least one of a pair of front side walls and a pair of rear side walls, and closing means comprising a longitudinal wall the container body further comprising a lid for closing the product outlet opening, the closing means lid extending from the container body and being connected to it the container body, the lid comprising a first and a second side outer wall, the container body further comprising stiffening means for maintaining the container body in an open condition, the stiffening means located at, ~~and forming at least a portion of,~~ the product outlet opening, the stiffening means being connected to ~~at least one outer wall of the container~~ and extending from at least one of the front side walls or the rear side walls of the container body.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the container body has a polygonal base.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the container body has a hexagonal base.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the container body has a polygonal base with regular sides.

Claims 5-11 (canceled):

Claim 12 (previously presented): The container according to claim 11, wherein at least one outer wall forms an obtuse angle with an adjacent outer wall.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The container according to claim 11, comprising a base wall for retaining the product in the container.

Claims 14-16 (canceled):

Claim 17 (currently amended): The container according to claim ~~16~~ 1, wherein the ~~closing wall of the closing means~~ lid is flat.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The container according to claim ~~16~~ 1, wherein the ~~closing wall~~ lid extends from a rear wall of the container body.

Claim 19 (canceled):

Claim 20 (currently amended): The container according to claim ~~19~~ 1, wherein the ~~longitudinal wall of the closing means~~ lid is a front wall.

Claim 21 (canceled):

Claim 22 (currently amended): The container according to claim ~~21~~ 1, wherein the outer walls are front side walls.

Claim 23 (currently amended): The container according to claim 1, wherein the ~~closing means~~ lid forms an obtuse angle, with an adjacent outer wall.

Claim 24 (currently amended): The container according to claim 1, comprising connecting means between the ~~closing means~~ lid and the container body.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The container according to claim 24, wherein the connecting means comprise a line for connection and rotation relative to a corresponding container body outer wall.

Claim 26 (currently amended): The container according to claim 1, comprising retaining means for holding the ~~closing means~~ lid closed.

Claim 27 (currently amended): The container according to claim 26, wherein the retaining means for holding the ~~closing means~~ lid closed comprises engagement means located on the closing means.

Claim 28 (currently amended): The container according to claim 27, wherein the engagement means on the ~~closing means~~ lid comprise at least one engagement tooth.

Claim 29 (currently amended): The container according to claim 28, wherein there is a first and a second tooth, each extending from a corresponding side wall of the ~~closing means~~ lid.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The container according to claim 28, wherein the engagement tooth is at a front outer wall of the ~~closing means~~ lid.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The container according to claim 29, wherein the engagement tooth extends from a front side wall of the ~~closing means~~ lid.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The container according to claim 28, wherein the engagement tooth is on an inner face of the front wall of the ~~closing means~~ lid.

Claims 33-35 (canceled):

Claim 36 (currently amended): The container according to claim 27, wherein the retaining means on the ~~closing means~~ lid operate in conjunction with engagement means on the container body.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The container according to claim 36, wherein the engagement means on the container body comprise an engagement tooth or tab.

Claims 38-46 (canceled):

Claim 47 (currently amended): The container according to claim [[44]] 1, wherein the stiffening means are located at one end of the container body.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The container according to claim [[44]] 1, wherein the stiffening means comprise at least one portion extending transversally to the container body.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The container according to claim [[44]] 1, comprising a single transversal panel extending from one end of an outer wall and forming the stiffening means.

Claim 50 (previously presented): The container according to claim 49, wherein the stiffening panel extends from a front outer wall.

Claim 51 (previously presented): The container according to claim 49, wherein the stiffening panel extends from a rear outer wall of the container body.

Claims 52-62 (canceled):

Claim 63 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, comprising means for covering the opening in the container body.

Claim 64 (previously presented): The container according to claim 63, wherein the means for covering the opening extend from side walls of the container body.

Claim 65 (previously presented): The container according to claim 63, wherein the means for covering the opening extend from rear side walls of the container body.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The container according to claim 63, wherein the means for covering the opening consist of a transversal panel.

Claim 67 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, comprising opening means with predetermined size.

Claim 68 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, wherein the predetermined opening is suitable for allowing a passage of a predetermined number of pieces of product at a time.

Claim 69 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, wherein the product outlet opening is made in a transversal stiffening and/or covering wall.

Claim 70 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, wherein the product outlet opening has a predetermined shape and dimensions suitable for the passage of only one piece of product held in the container at a time.

Claim 71 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, wherein the product outlet opening extends from a front side of the container body.

Claims 72-73 (canceled):

Claim 74 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, comprising transversal wall for stiffening and/or covering is fixed to a front wall of the container body at two container points or opposite side sections of the container body.

Claim 75 (previously presented): The container according to claim 67, comprising stiffening means for the container in the closed condition.

Claims 76-80 (canceled):

Claim 81 (previously presented): The container according to claim 1, wherein the container body has a wall supporting a lid engagement means, which is connected at to at least one side wall, forming an angle other than 90° with said wall.

Claims 82-85 (canceled):

Claim 86 (currently amended): A blank for making a container consisting of a container body with an outlet opening through which the product contained in it comes out and a lid for closing the product outlet opening, the blank ~~consisting of~~ comprising:

a flat sheet, comprising a plurality of side panels forming outer walls of the container body, separated from one another by transversal pre-creasing or fold lines, the blank also comprising an upper panel extending from a transversal end of a side panel to form a lid upper wall and a transverse stiffening wall extending from a transversal end of another side panel; the upper panel forming the lid upper wall ~~has~~ including a polygonal profile, having a first and a second outer edge on a side opposite that from which the upper panel forming the lid upper wall extends; a first and a second outer panel forming lid side walls, the side walls extending from the first and second outer edges, on the side opposite the one on which the upper panel is connected to the transversal end of the side panel of the container body, the blank further comprising tabs extending, through pre-creasing or fold lines, from rear and front side walls of the container, forming means for connecting ~~[[a]]~~ the transverse stiffening wall to the front side walls and to the rear side walls of the container body.

Claim 87 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 86, wherein the upper panel forming the lid upper wall has a hexagonal profile.

Claim 88 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 87, wherein the upper panel forming the lid upper wall has a hexagonal profile with regular sides.

Claim 89 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 86, comprising another side panel, which is glued to a rear panel and which is used to join the rear panel to the side panel of the container body.

Claim 90 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 86, wherein the stiffening wall extends from a transversal end of an outer wall of the container body.

Claim 91 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 86, comprising a panel forming a side or front longitudinal wall of the lid, extending from the panel forming the lid upper wall, through a pre-creasing or fold line on the side opposite that from which the panel extends from an outer panel of the container body.

Claim 92 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 86, comprising a first and a second panel forming a respective retaining tooth for holding the lid on the container body, the teeth each extending from a panel forming the lid side walls, to which they are connected by fold or pre-creasing lines.

Claims 93-94 (canceled):

Claim 95 (previously presented): The blank according to claim 90, wherein the stiffening wall has a shaped edge.